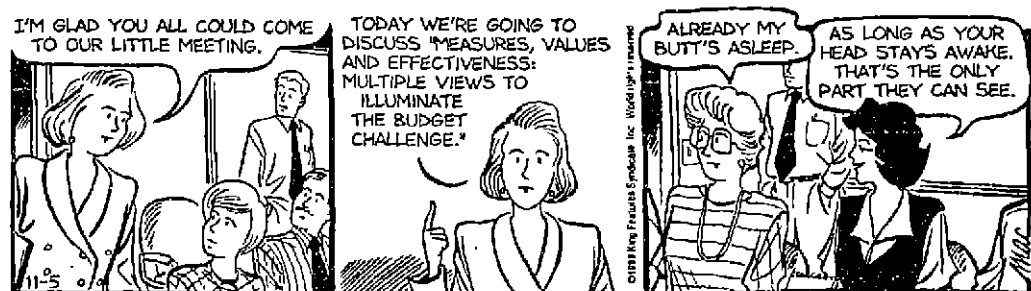


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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



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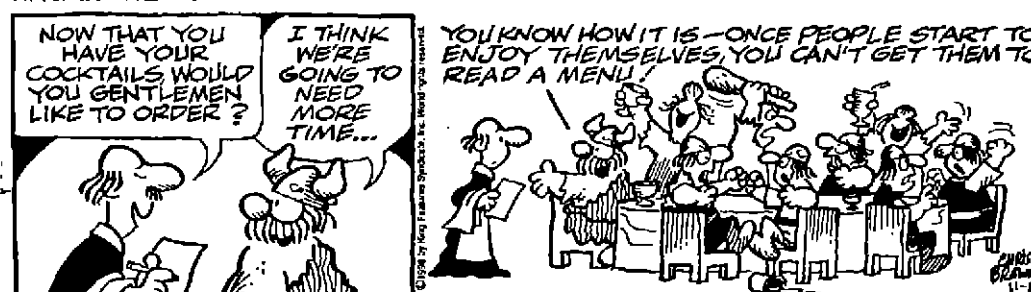
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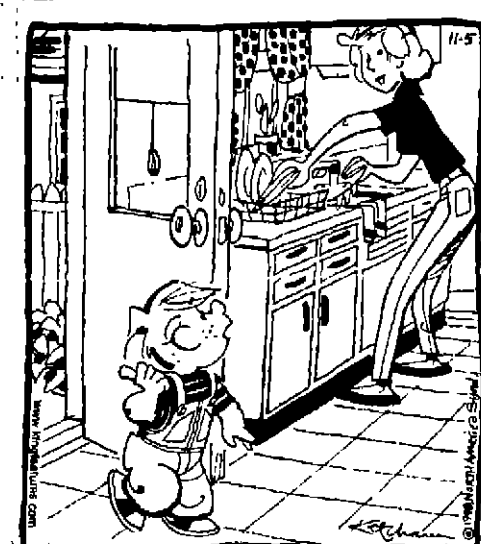
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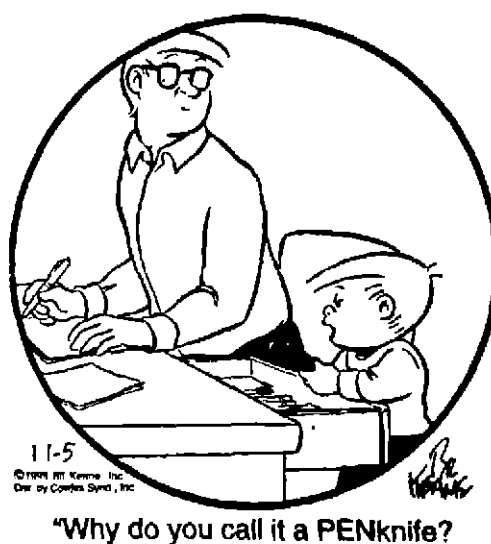
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FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, Nov. 6, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't make any declarations or commitments which might come back to haunt you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Do things right the first time so that you don't have to backtrack.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You feel extremely powerful in all ways: physical, emotional and mental.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Communication is still a challenge, but it doesn't bother you as much anymore.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You are able to focus on many things without diluting your energy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) A project that has been unfinished for a while needs your attention.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) The outcome of an interaction depends on the things that are said rather than the tone in which you say them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Stay away from mind games and the people who play them; these games won't make you happy in the long run.

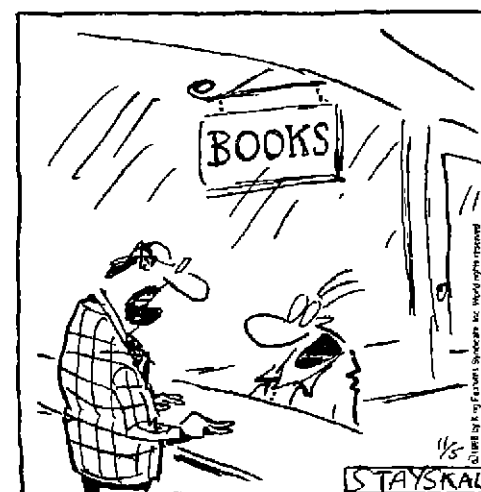
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) There is a potential today for great success or miserable failure, but middle ground is not an option.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) There is too much going on in your head for you to have time for anyone else.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) It might be worthwhile to take an emotional risk without fearing the aftermath.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Immediate happiness depends on your ability to adapt to change. You don't need to understand everything that is happening; you need only to accept it.

RALPH



WORD SLEUTH

Golf equipment

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Thursday's unlisted clue hint: CLUB USED ON THE GREEN

Bag Clubs Irons Umbrella
Ball Driver Marker Wedge
Cart Glove Tees Woods
Cleats Hat Towel

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Wednesday's unlisted clue: JUAN

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ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

West got off to a good start by leading his fourth-best club. East won his king and returned, his eight, South's queen going to West's ace. Expecting the suit to run, West cashed his club jack, led another club and got the "big surprise." South's clever falsecard in clubs neutralized the suit, giving him time to win his nine tricks. It was true that South "conned" West into an impulsive play. It was also true that East's admonition was correct. What two reasons did West have for exercising patience? 1) East's return of the club eight. Had East held four (or more) clubs, the conventional return at trick two would have been the original fourth-best. With fewer than four clubs, East should return his highest card. East's club eight marks South with at least four clubs, so there was no purpose in trying to cash the club suit. 2) Even if West had succeeded in cashing four clubs, the "defenders" (East) would need one more trick to defeat the game. West should have waited for East to win that trick. East's return of his last club would trap South's 10, sending the game one down.

BRIDGE RESULTS

Bridge America: Saturday evening, first, Al Bard, Arlene Huntley; second, Arlene Rainone, Janet Sinclair.

Bridge Studio: Sunday afternoon, first, Cornelia Yoder, Mary Walsh; second, Peter Leonelli, Kathleen Young.

Sunday evening, first, Michael Walsh; Robert Barrington, Gerta Freimark, Bill Barrington; Monday morning, first, Mary Smith, Olin Smith; second, Dan Appgar, Janet Koelsch; Monday evening, first/second, Murray Hall, Sharlene Kostichka; Bruce Rubin, Cornelia Yoder; Tuesday evening, first, Bill Barrington, Bill Oliver; second, Carl Banick, Charlotte Morseburg; Wednesday evening, first, Cornelia Yoder, Bruce Rubin; second, Bob Barrington, George Winslow; Thursday morning, teaching game, 1 NS, John Beauchamp, Janet Sinclair; 2 NS, Debi Belanger, Sheila Comerford; 1 EW, Helen Simmons, Judy Everts; 2 EW, Charlotte Brown, Jack Brown; Thursday evening, first, Bill Barrington, Carl Hileman; second, Millie Albrigo, Bill Pennington; Friday morning, first, Milt Rosenblum, Doug Lyon; second, Steve O'Brien, Julie Sunseri; Friday evening, first, Bruce Rubin, Cornelia Yoder; second, Judy Alderman, John Glezen.

Concord: 1 NS, Ethel Goldberg, Sally Wright; 2 NS, Barb Lorenz, Winona Phillips; 1 EW, Fran Dussault, Louise Starring; 2 EW, Alex Weldon, Marge Weldon.

Lafayette Country Club: 1 NS, Rosalind Gingold; Irma Silverstein; 2 NS, Muriel Herr, Eileen Wayne; 1 EW, Eleanor Dutch, Miriam Fleischman; 2 EW, Sonny Levinthal, Leona Wilson.

Liverpool: 1 NS, Hannah Dushay, Fran Dussault; 2 NS, Norma Germain, Laura Distin; 1 EW, Eugene Wurdinger, Gene Wurdinger; 2 EW, Matt Brown Jr., Pat Hooper.

Stonehedge: 1 NS, Mary Armstrong, Betty Pfeiffer; 2 NS, Jackie Casica, Helen White; 1 EW, Gerry Burns, Lucy Currie; 2 EW, Esther Emm, Louise Starring.

Syracuse Contract: Wednesday evening, first, Fred Pelsel, Virgil Eveleigh; second, Joanne Bacille, Frank Kunsman; Thursday afternoon, first, Milt Rosenblum, Doug Lyon; second, Alex Weldon, Marge Weldon; Thursday evening, first, Paul Peters, Norm Radway; second, third, Don Miller, Gene Wurdinger; Fran LeBoeuf, Dorothy Eveleigh; Friday evening, first, Marianne Menuhin, Anne O'Brien; second, Dan Boye, Stephanie Heath.

Call 422-4114 by Friday evening to report your bridge club results.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Musician Myron Floren ("The Lawrence Welk Show") is 79. Singer-songwriter Ike Turner is 67. Singer Art Garfunkel is 57. Actor-playwright Sam Shepard is 55. Singer Peter Onor is 51. Actress Tatum O'Neal is 35. Actress Andrea McArdle is 35.

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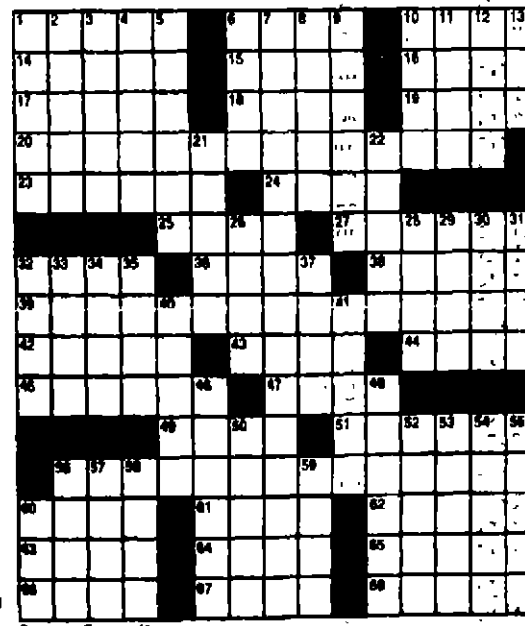
- 1 See 28-Down
- 2 "Bleak House" girl and others
- 10 "A Passage to India" doctor
- 14 Book of prophecies
- 15 Heart
- 16 Oliver's request
- 17 Garden annual
- 18 Spanish direction
- 19 Children's author Blyton
- 20 Newsman's dramatic cry
- 23 Mason of "The Goodbye Girl"
- 24 It precedes 15
- 25 Greek gulf or city
- 27 Literary postscript
- 32 Rock stars' dates
- 36 Kind of temer
- 38 Welcome to paradise?
- 39 Travolta film, 1989
- 42 Common trash can site
- 43 Con
- 44 A long time in Mexico
- 46 Overpower
- 47 Troubadour's dawn song
- 48 "Grand"
- 51 Storm's cause, maybe
- 52 Head sound advice
- 53 Incisiveness
- 54 Early 11th-century date
- 62 Vitality
- 63 Wall St. acronym
- 64 Park director's concern: Abbr.
- 66 Comb and comb and comb
- 68 Slightly tainted
- 69 Naysay
- 70 No longer in the closet

DOWN

- 1 Gulf
- 2 Popular landscaping plant
- 3 New York's Place
- 4 Oozes
- 5 Kilt who wrote "A Tale Is Not a Sweet"
- 6 Humorist/illustrator Jon
- 7 Is circumspect
- 8 Player in a dome
- 9 Stow, as cargo
- 10 University town west of Cedar Rapids
- 11 Commercial
- 12 Colored part of a ball?
- 13 British ending
- 14 Draconian
- 15 Catyx part
- 16 Boxing stat
- 17 With 1-Across, star of Broadway's "The Women," 1936
- 18 Meat purchase

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

WADE ECOLE AFAR
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ATT BLINT LITHO
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AWE VIC
AMATI AVIAN FAS
ECUEENORDENILE
ECUS ANISE AJAX
THAI TOOB TINY



Puzzle by François Fleuret

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